Government has also committed to provide 1 million tones of wheat as food aid. The operationalization of this commitment faced some transit related difficulties. Government is now discussing with the World Food Programme options to operationalize part of this commitment in alternative forms, such as high protein biscuits for school feeding programme.

Government has also been associated with various international efforts aimed at promoting reconstruction, reconsiliation and stability in Afghanistan, including the Tokyo meeting, G-21 meetings, Afghan Support Group meetings, Bonn Process, Emergency Loya Jirga and meetings held in Geneva to discuss rebuilding of Afghan security structures.

Legislation for social security

1696. SHRI M.A. KADAR:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact legislation for providing social security to the workers in the organized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cases of non-implementation of Minimum Wage Act by the State Government have come to Government's notice;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed by Government against those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The principal social security schemes, mainly in the organized sector, are already being provided by the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the Employees' Provident Fund & the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

(c) to (e) The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 provides for fixation, revision and enforcement of the minimum wages by the Central and State Governments in respect of employments in their respective jurisdictions.

While in the Central sphere, the implementation is ensured through the officers of the Central Industrial Relations Machinery, the enforcement in the State sphere is carried out by the State enforcement machinery. The officers of these machineries are appointed as Inspectors under the Act and they conduct regular inspections and when ever they come across cases of non-payment or less payment of minimum wages, they advise the employers to make payment of shortfall of wages. There are legal and penal provisions in the Act against the defaulting employers.

The State-wise details of inspections, prosecutions etc. as available with the Ministry are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details regarding enforcement of Minimum Wages Act in different States/Union Territories

2000-2001

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of inspections made	No. of irregularities detected	No. of irregularities rectified	No. of claims filed	No. of claims settled	No. of Persons Prosecuted	Amount of fine Realised
								(in Rupees)
(I)	(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)	(VIII)	(IX)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50348	1339	1339	14772	20259	1149	273239
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3.	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4.	Bihar	35576	10151	-	31548	1576	-	3811140
5.	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6.	Goa	776	1647	297	49	52	92	8135
7.	Gujarat	22645	83992	27110	-	-	2856	1165315
8.	Haryana	2072	1630	571	171	129	NIL	197300
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1562	1254	870	-	3	231	445390
10.	Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
12.	Karnataka	50365	9593	8901	1648	1217	164	22350
13.	Kerala	24909	40705	26293	244	220	963	693775
14.	Madhya Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

(I)	(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)	(VIII)	(IX)
15.	Maharashtra	89409	102222	82891	12	3	124	145200
16.	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
17.	Meghalaya	580	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
18.	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
19.	Nagaland	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
20.	Orissa	32477	25242	14009	229	11	723	78200
21.	Punjab	15675	32	17	254	209	333	286525
22.	Rajasthan	7310	1208	418	431	328	440	2525237
23.	Sikkim	Minimum Wages Act, 1948 yet to be extended						
24.	Tamil Nadu	156194	10152	1152	2269	3219	5019	539100
25.	Tripura	896	12	4	NIL	NIL	4	NIL
26.	Uttar Pradesh	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
27.	Uttaranchal	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
28.	West Bengal	15660	4142	3980	NIL	NIL	336	107008
	UNION TERRITORIES							
29.	A & N Islands	505	3818	2816	27	27	19	59252
30.	Chandigarh	110	110	-	46	20	590	24000
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	73	1	1	1	-	-	-
32.	Daman & Diu	778	24	24	-	-	-	-
33.	Delhi	6220	4089	4892	833	784	353	108400
34.	Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
35.	Pondicherry	3490	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

N.R.- Not Received.

N.A.-Not Available-being newly created State.

Investment by Seamen's Provident Fund through M/s. Home Trade

1697. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 94 crores have been invested by Seamen's Provident Fund through M/s. Home Trade for purchasing Government securities which were never done;